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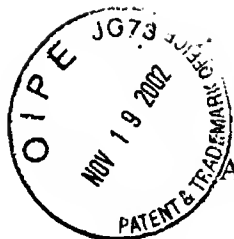
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AMENDMENT/ RESPONSE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This amendment is submitted in response to the first Office Action on the merits mailed May 16, 2002, having a shortened statutory period for reply set to expire August 16, 2002, subject to extensions of time under the provisions of 37 CFR §1.136(a). A petition for a three (3) month extension of time to increase the period for reply to November 16, 2002, is enclosed herewith to permit timely filing of this response.

Claims numbered 1, 2, 7, 16, 18, 23, 24, 26-34, 36, 43, 44, and 50-54 are pending in the application. Claims numbered 1, 2, 7, 16, 18, 23, 24, 26-28, 30-33, 36, 43, 44, and 50-54 have been rejected by the Examiner. Claims numbered 29 and 34 have been objected to by the Examiner.

AMENDMENT

In the Specification:

Please replace the phrase "New Compounds, their Preparation and Use" found on page 1, line 1 with the following replacement phrase:

--Tricyclic Compounds as Nuclear Receptor Modulators--.